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SUBJ: LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT

REF: MOSCOW 9744

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY COUNSELOR IL'YIN HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IN SOVIET VIEW, BECAUSE PRESIDENT INTENDS HIMSELF TO SIGN SUBJECT AGREEMENT, DOCUMENT SHOULD BE ENTITLED "LONG-TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION". ON BASIS PRACTICE FOLLOWED IN PREVIOUS BILATERAL ACCORDS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT, INITIAL WORDING OF TEXT WOULD BE: "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, DESIRING ...".

2. THESE CHANGES WOULD OMIT THE WORDS "GOVERNMENT OF THE" PRESENTLY INCLUDED IN TEXT AND WOULD THUS CONFORM TO FORMULA USED IN SUCH PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS AS 1972 AGREEMENTS ON COOPERATION IN EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE AND ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AND OF 1973 AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR.

3. AS POINTED OUT REFTEL, SOVIETS ALSO PREFER TO SUBSTITUTE ROMAN FOR ARABIC NUMERALS IN DESIGNATION OF EACH ARTICLE AND TO INITIATE EACH SUBSECTION OF ARTICLE II BY CONSECUTIVE LETTER OF ALPHABET.

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RM EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CHARLES BEVANS

OF L/T, WHO ARRIVED MOSCOW JUNE 24, REMAINS THAT SECRETARY INTENDS SIGN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT, AND WE HAVE NOT INDICATED OTHERWISE TO SOVIETS. GIVEN APPARENT PROBLEMS IN PRODUCING RUSSIAN ORIGINALS IN MFA, HOWEVER, EARLY CONFIRMATION IDENTITY OF SIGNER ON U.S. SIDE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

5. IF PRESIDENT EXPECTS SIGN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT, REQUEST L/T SEND EARLIER SIGNATURE COPIES LEFT BEHIND BY BEVANS WITH NEXT COURIER.
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